

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 25-41 remain pending.

Claims 25-37 and 39-41 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,898. A Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted with this Reply to overcome the rejection, without admitting to its propriety. For example, the Applicants do not understand the meaning of the expression that the subject matter claimed in the instant application "would cover any patent granted on those U.S. Patents since the U.S. Patent No. 6,549,898 and the instant application are claiming common subject matter," and there appear to be other errors in paragraph 7, set forth on page 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 38 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. ASA-863-03).

Respectfully submitted,

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